

## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below), or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### **β-L-2'-Deoxy-Nucleosides for the Treatment of Hepatitis B Virus**

the specification of which (check one)

is attached hereto  
 was filed on 8/10/99  
as application Serial No. 09/371,747  
 and was amended on:  
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability and examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)	Priority Claimed
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of the application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Status
60/096,110	August 10, 1998	pending
60/131,352	April 28, 1999	pending

As named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

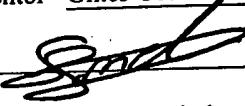
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Full name of sole or first inventor Gilles Gosselin

Inventor's signature 

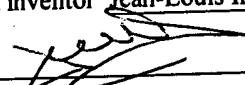
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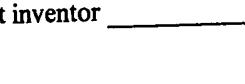
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Citizenship U.S.A.

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Full name of fourth joint inventor

Inventor's signature 

Date

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Inventor's signature Martin L. Bryant Date 9/3/99

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Full name of fourth joint inventor \_\_\_\_\_

Inventor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Second Applicant:**

Centre National Da La Recherche Scientifique  
3, Rue Michel-ange  
75794, Paris, cedex 16, France



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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, GILLES GOSSELIN, JEAN-LOUIS IMBACH, AND MARTIN BRYANT have invented certain improvements in "β-L-2'-Deoxy-Nucleosides for the Treatment of Hepatitis B" for which we have executed United States provisional application nos. 60/131,352 and 60/096,110 which were filed on April 28, 1999 and August 10, 1998 respectively; and U.S. Application No. 09/371,747 which was filed on August 10, 1999 and

WHEREAS, NOVIRIO PHARMACEUTICALS LIMITED, a Cayman Island corporation having an office at c/o Walker Secretaries, Walker House, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands desires to purchase same;

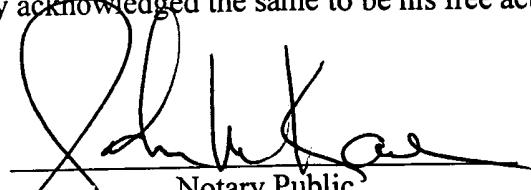
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid by NOVIRIO PHARMACEUTICALS, LIMITED, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, I, MARTIN BRYANT, have sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto NOVIRIO PHARMACEUTICALS, LIMITED, in and for the United States and its territories and for foreign countries, the entire right, title and interest in and to said provisional application and said application for United States Letters Patent, in and to the invention therein set forth and in and to any patent which may issue on said provisional applications for United States Letters Patent or any application, reissue, renewal, division, continuation or continuation-in-part thereof; and I hereby bind myself, my heirs, legal representatives, administrators and assigns properly to execute without further consideration, any and all applications, petitions, oaths and assignments or other papers and instruments which may be necessary in order to carry into full force and effect the sale, assignment, transfer and conveyance hereby made or intended to be made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3 day of  
September, 1999.

  
Martin Bryant  
MARTIN BRYANT

STATE OF Massachusetts )  
                            )  
                            ss.  
COUNTY OF                )

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 1999, before me, a notary public, came  
MARTIN BRYANT, to me known and known to be the individual described in and  
who executed the foregoing assignment, and he duly acknowledged the same to be his free act  
and deed.

  
Notary Public

(SEAL)

My commission expires: 2/17/06

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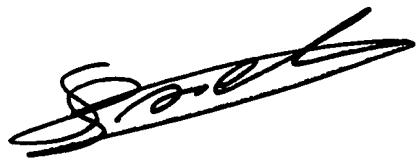
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20 day of

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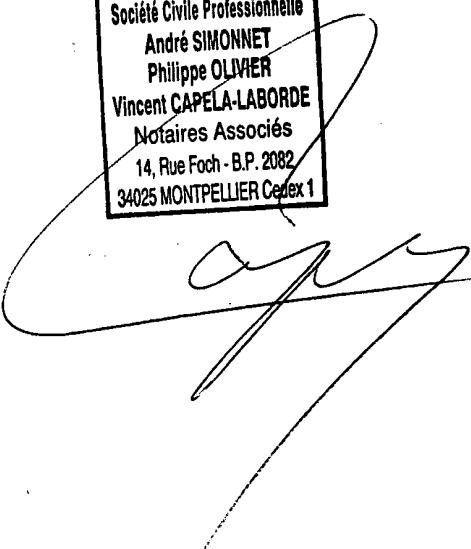
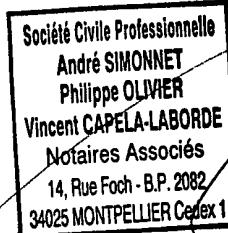
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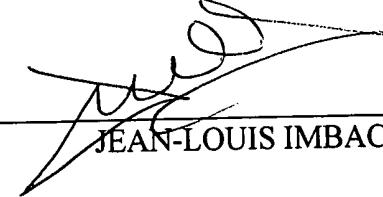
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JEAN-LOUIS IMBACH

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6. Number of applications and patents involved:

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ASSIGNOR: BRYANT MARTIN DOC DATE: 09/03/1999

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